

Mr. Chairman & Committee Members my name is Tom Rummel, spelled R-U-M-M-E-L. I am the Sheriff of Sanders County, I'm here to support SB 114.

I feel SB 114 would act as a safe guard for any future legislation that would give a Federal Agent or Agency's more power, or control over the County Sheriff and the citizens of Montana. This Bill will ensure the lines of communication, cooperation, and coordination between local and All Federal Law Enforcement are kept open and on a level playing field.

This Bill will ensure that the citizens of Sanders County will never have to live with, or endure, a Federal debacle such as Ruby Ridge or Waco Texas.

While campaigning for Sheriff of Sanders County, I was continually asked, by concerned citizens, how I would handle Federal involvement within Sanders County. I feel this Bill will give me, the Chief Law Enforcement Officer, the ability to monitor and control any Federal involvement within my county. I respectfully ask that you would pass SB 114.

Thank You, Tom Rummel-----Sanders County Sheriff